

Application Number 10/536,970
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Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of installing a bag into a container to be ready for receiving an alcohol beverage where the container has a container aperture for receiving the bag that has an aperture cross-sectional area smaller than the bulk of the bag, the method comprising the steps of:

folding the bag into overlapping panels having a bag cross-sectional area able to pass through the aperture cross sectional area; and

inserting the folded bag through the container aperture into the container,

said folding comprises a first folding of the bag about a first fold line, a second folding about a second fold line and a third folding about a third fold line, said second and said third fold lines being parallel to each other and perpendicular with respect to the first fold line.

2. (Original) The method of installing a bag of Claim 1 further including the step of: removing air from the bag and flattening the bag prior to the step of folding the bag.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of installing the bag of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

sealing the bag to the container aperture of the container after the step of inserting the bag into the container, and

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drawing a vacuum from the container to cause the bag to unfold within the container and be drawn towards walls of the container.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of installing a bag of Claim 1 wherein the bag has a neck of corresponding cross-sectional area as the bag aperture, the method further comprising the steps of:

orientating the bag to one side of the neck.

5. (Original) The method of installing a bag of Claim 4 further including the step of: removing air from the bag and flattening the bag prior to the step of folding the bag.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of installing the bag of Claim 4 further comprising the steps of:

sealing the bag to the container aperture of the container after the step of inserting the bag into the container, and

drawing a vacuum from the container to cause the bag to unfold within the container and be drawn towards walls of the container.

7-16. (Canceled)

17. (Withdrawn) A method for installing a bag into a container comprising the steps of:
welding at least a first panel and a second panel to form said bag wherein:

(a) each of said first panel and said second panel has an area larger than a cross sectional area of said container;

(b) said first panel and said second panel are moveable from each other when said bag is filled to expand said bag to approximate a volume of said container; and

(c) said first panel is parallel to said second panel when said bag is empty;
welding an open neck at a bag aperture in said first panel of said bag, said open neck has a passageway for filling said bag;

folding each of said first panel and said second panel at a first fold line, a second fold line, and a third fold line, said second fold line and said third fold line:

(a) are parallel to each other;

(b) extend from opposite sides of said open neck; and

(c) are perpendicular to said first fold line; and

inserting the folded bag through a container aperture into said container.

18. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, wherein the first panel and the second panel have peripheral edges welded together to form a first seam.

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19. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17 wherein said bag aperture is offset from the center of the first panel.

20. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, wherein the container is a generally cylindrical-shaped keg and the first panel and the second panel comprise generally rectangular shapes.

21. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 20, wherein the bag aperture of the first panel is offset from the center of the first panel, the first panel and the second panel have peripheral edges welded together to form a first seam such that the first seam of the bag cannot be removed from the keg all at once.

22. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 21, wherein the bag aperture of the first panel is located proximate a corner of the first panel.

23. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 22, wherein the keg has a container aperture and an end wall to which the open neck is secured and the container aperture is located centrally of the keg end wall.

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24. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, the bag having a volume when filled that brings portions of the bag into contact with interior walls of the container.

25. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, the bag has a potential volume when filled greater than that of the container and has a bag-filled volume restricted by the volume of the container.

26. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, wherein the first panel and the second panel are circular panels having peripheral edges welded to a cylindrical side panel to form the bag with three seams, the bag being expandable to approximate the volume of the container.

27. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 26, wherein the first panel has a center and the bag aperture therein is positioned off-center from the center.

28. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 26, wherein the container has a container aperture and an end wall to which the open neck is secured and the container aperture is located centrally on the end wall.